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AVON SHORTLISTED FOR AWARDS

Following the announcement of the 2009 financial results in November 2009 which reported a significant turnaround in operating profit (continuing operations before exceptional items) from a £4.1m loss in 2008 to a £4.6m profit in 2009, Avon is delighted to announce it has been shortlisted in the Quoted Company Awards 'Turnaround of the Year' category.

Further good news for the Group was the shortlisting of Andrew Lewis in the 'Finance Director of the Year' category. Andrew joined Avon in September 2008 and his work since then has clearly made a favourable impression on the judges.

The Quote Company Awards are open to all listed companies outside the FTSE 350. The results are announced in London on Thursday 28th January 2010. Further details can be found on <http://www.quotedcompanyawards.com/qca/shortlist/index.shtml>

Commenting, Chief Executive Peter Slabbert said: *"The nomination in these two categories is something that everyone at Avon should be hugely proud of. The efforts of all our people have been fundamental to our achievements in 2009 and will remain so in the future."*

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